

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

VINEYARD STATISTICS, 1926-27.

WINE MADE 16,159,595 (13,074,874) GALLONS, RAISINS 8,120 (5,563) TONS, CURRENTS 4,208 (5,196) TONS, WINE EXPORTS (Including Interstate) 1926-27 4,857,456 (3,723,747) GALLONS, £1,341,458 (£964,076).

(Figures in parentheses refer to previous Season.)

ACREAGE. 50,271 (50,594) acres, decrease 323 acres. Whilst increased planting is noted in some districts the net decrease is due to suburban vineyards being cut up for building allotments and others elsewhere either abandoned or dying out. The areas were classified as for Wine 30,419 (30,187) acres; Drying 19,144 (19,643) acres; Table 708 (764) acres. 46,531 (45,533) acres were shown as being of bearing age.

GRAPE YIELD. The total yield of grapes was 129,245 (108,705) tons, increase 20,540 tons, averaging per acre of bearing age 2.78 (2.39) tons. The yield was utilised as follows - For Winemaking 87,100 (71,358) tons; Drying 41,354 (36,284) tons; and Table and Export 791 (1,063) tons.

CURRENTS. 4,208 (5,196) tons, decrease 988 tons.

RAISINS. Sultanas 6,996 (4,339) tons, increase 2,657 tons. All Other 1,124 (1,224) tons, decrease 100 tons. The total was 1,151 tons above the record in 1924-25 being 8,120 (5,563) tons.

WINE MADE. 16,159,595 (13,074,874) gallons, an increase of 3,084,721 gallons or 23.6%, constituting a new record.

There were increased quantities of Wine made in most Districts of the State, but principally in the River Murray Districts due to larger areas coming into bearing and also to large quantities of drying grapes being sent to the Distilleries. The following are the principal Wine Districts and the quantities made in each - Nuriootpa, Barossa, Angaston, Tanunda &c. 4,473,140 (3,516,893) gallons; McLaren Vale, Reynella &c. 2,004,968 (2,149,928) gallons; River Murray 5,956,306 (4,572,327) gallons; Burnside, McGill &c. 1,815,895 (1,062,258) gallons; Clare, Watervale &c. 659,072 (546,868) gallons.

Of the total vintage 9,350,588 (7,171,276) gallons were returned as Distillation Wine for brandy and fortifying spirit.

There were 82 Wine-makers, 75 making 1,000 gallons and over.

WINE STOCKS. On June 30th last the stocks of Wine, including the balance of recent vintage, totalled 14,034,663 (13,134,200) gallons, an increase of 900,463 gallons. Of this quantity 2,586,962 (2,467,229) gallons were reported to be the balance of Distillation Wine still in stock.

EXPORTS 1926-27. Oversea Exports of Vineyard Production - Currents 2,086 (3,929) tons; Raisins and Sultanas 4,125 (3,960) tons; and Wine 2,265,795 (1,200,313) gallons valued at £620,336 (£203,506). In addition, Wine was exported to other States as follows - 2,596,701 (2,523,434) gallons valued at £721,122 (£760,570) making the grand total Exports of Wine 4,857,456 (3,723,747) gallons, valued at £1,341,458 (£964,076).

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